

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Appl. No.:** : 10/822,272 **Confirmation No.** 2174  
**Applicant:** : D'Elena, et. al.  
**Filed:** : April 8, 2004  
**Group Art Unit:** : 4143  
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**Customer No.** : 40412

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 12, 2008, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 12, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following remarks and amendments:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11.